

WALK 13

MOELFRE

DESCRIPTION A relatively short walk of about 3.5 miles but with pretty views over the Newchapel valley, broadening out as you climb to afford excellent views over the Severn Valley itself. The walk is fairly steep to the summit of Moelfre but this is then followed by a more leisurely descent and some more level walking.

START Lane entrance just past a white bungalow near Newchapel. (GR 996843)

DIRECTIONS From Llanidloes take the B4518 to the A 470 and turn LEFT. After about 2.5 miles take the RIGHT turn signposted to Newchapel and then take the RIGHT fork after about half a mile. After about 200 yards you will come to a bungalow on your left with the lane entrance start to your walk immediately after. Drive past the entrance for a few yards to where the road widens to a lay-by where there is space to park your car.

1 Walk back towards the bungalow and turn RIGHT into the lane. Continue along the lane as it gradually descends to the stream in the valley bottom. At the ford follow the lane LEFT as it climbs for about 200 yards to Celyn barn. Go through the gate and into the yard, keeping the building to your right. Turn RIGHT behind the barn and follow the lane for just over 100 yards and go through the next gate. Leave the lane at this point and keep to the fence line, bearing LEFT up the field for about 200 yards. Continue to follow the fence as it turns sharp LEFT at this point and then, after a further 100 yards, sharp RIGHT up the hill and pass through a gate out onto the hillside. Climb the hill bearing to the RIGHT of the ridge line until you reach the gate in the fence running from left to right just over the summit.

2 After going through the gate, turn LEFT along the hard core track for about 250 yards at which point you continue to follow it as it bears RIGHT down the hill to the bottom fence. Turn LEFT along the inside of the fence and, at the end of the field, cross over 2 stiles. Within a few yards of the stiles you will reach a junction at which Glyndwr's Way is signposted off to your right and the bridleway is signposted off to your left. Bear LEFT along the bridleway and follow it as it descends through deciduous woodland. Ignore the apparent fork down to your right and continue along the woodland walk until you reach a field gate. As you go through into the field, follow the track now marked by a series of trees for about another 100 yards before descending diagonally RIGHT to the lower edge of the field. At the fence, turn LEFT and go through the right hand gate of two set in the fence ahead of you, crossing a small stream running along the far side of the fence. Cross this fairly narrow field and go through the next gate into an unimproved boggy field. Cross straight over to the lane ahead of you, leading out of the field onto the tarmac road. Turn LEFT along the road to the T junction at Bryncoch Farm and turn LEFT again for about 0.75 mile to the next junction at which you turn LEFT back to your start point.